



Third Sunday after Epiphany

We Approach God

Gathering Music

***Call to Worship**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

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God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor,

**to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,**

to set the oppressed free.

Let us worship the God of justice and peace!

* Please rise in body or spirit

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**God, we do not understand Jesus the teacher,
and sometimes we don't want to understand,
because the teaching is hard.**

**We do not want to get our hands dirty
with those who are poor or oppressed or imprisoned.**

Forgive us for being insulated and isolated.

**Open our hearts to all people,
even those marginalized by our society,
and help us to love all people, as you love all,
working to bring in the good news of the reign of God.**

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

In Jesus, the teacher of our hearts, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

We Proclaim the Story

Welcome

Psalter (*congregation sings the antiphon*) Psalm 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom God imputes no guilt and in whose spirit there is no guile!
While I held my tongue, my bones withered away because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

ANTIPHON: Let the sea roar and the mountains sing at the presence of the Lord!

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in God.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

ANTIPHON: Let the sea roar and the mountains sing at the presence of the Lord!

Scripture Luke 4:14–21

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

***Sharing of Gifts**

In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we share our resources to support ministries of justice, mercy, and beauty. Please place your gifts and pledges in the plate as it passes.

Offertory Music

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

We Feast Together

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy”

are they who come

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Communion

We celebrate an open table. All, including children, are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive Communion. You are invited to come forward, receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available—just ask), dip the bread into the nonalcoholic grape juice, and return to your seat by stopping at one of our prayer stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.

Communion Music

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

**Holy God, we thank you for your gift
of bread, body, breath, and heart.
Nourish us, strengthen us, be with us
as we seek to carry your love and justice into the world.
Amen.**

***Closing Song** “Be Thou My Vision”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Shawn M. Fiedler	Ministerial Associate for Worship
Ilona McKissack-Ramzan	Lay Liturgist
The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet	

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

Acknowledgments

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News and Opportunities

Worship

Jazz at Four's sermon series "Who Is Jesus?" continues next week with "Jesus the Outsider."

"A Time of Awakening" will be the topic of next Sunday's "Conversations with Clergy" at 3:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For this first conversation—the series continues on the first Sunday of each month—Nanette Sawyer will talk about awakening in her faith journey and will lead a time of sharing and discussion.

Sacred Pause meditation, a weekly time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to join staff in praying for Fourth Church members and for those in need.

Daily devotions by members and staff are available on facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org; in the literature racks; and via email (subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions).

Mission

Help score a victory in the Souper Bowl of Caring! Next Sunday, please bring cans of soup or nonperishable food items to contribute to the annual Souper Bowl of Caring, a national effort to alleviate hunger through local food programs. Our youth will be in Coffee Hour on February 3 to collect the canned goods and monetary contributions, all of which will support Fourth Church Meals Ministries and the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Food Pantry.

Tickets for the Gala of Hope, which will be Friday, March 1 at the Radisson Blu Aqua, and for the drawing for a Peloton bike are available online at bidpal.net/clgala2019; all proceeds benefit Chicago Lights—the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church—and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.

A trip to Alabama and Mississippi that focuses on the civil rights movement is being planned by the Racial Equity Council for October 26–November 2. See www.bit.ly/crtrip2019 for details.

The Benevolent Guild meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create taggies for NICU infants and stuffed animals for children in hospitals and shelters. No sewing experience needed.

News and Resources

A new book of prayers by John Boyle, founder of the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being and member of the Fourth Church pastoral staff until his death in 2013, is available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour or by calling the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425. All proceeds benefit the Replogle Center.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, February 10 at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary and will include the election of officers.

A weekday daytime training course for Stephen Ministers will begin in the spring. To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister or to apply, visit www.bit.ly/fpcstephen; applications for those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister are due Friday, February 22.

A one-session Inquirers' Class for those interested in becoming Fourth Church members will be held on Sunday, February 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

If you have not yet fulfilled your 2018 pledge to the Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so! And if you have not yet made a pledge for 2019, please take a moment to submit it at fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal

Fellowship

TwentiesThirties will gather for their monthly SpeakEasy time of fellowship on Thursday evening, January 31 between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. at Replay in Lincoln Park (2833 N. Sheffield).

Volunteers Needed

Hospitality hosts (*two-hour shifts*) for the Presbytery of Chicago meeting that will be held at Fourth Church on Saturday, February 16

For 8:00 a.m. worship, ushers to serve Communion and greet; lay liturgists to read scripture

Individuals needed to clean, fold, and prepare liturgical linens and garments that support weekly Communion services and morning worship (*once a month*)

To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities or donation needs, contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382)

Enrichment

Cornerstones will host a presentation by Father Michael Pfleger this Friday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel; the program is free and open to the public. A few seats may remain for the dinner (*prepaid reservations required by Wednesday, January 30: www.bit.ly/cfpc0219*) at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

“Conversations with Pastors on the Intersection of Faith and Life” begins next Sunday, February 3 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Shannon Kershner and Shawn Fiedler, Ministerial Associate for Worship, will be our first conversation partners. The following weeks (*beginning February 10*), this class will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

A Reformation trip to Prague, Luther sites in Germany, and Geneva will be led by Judith Watt and Lucy Forster-Smith in October. For details, see www.bit.ly/reformationtrip2019

“Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood” will be offered by the Replogle Center on first and third Wednesdays beginning February 6 at 7:15 p.m. Register at www.bit.ly/rccwyoga

A “Connecting to the Heart” workshop will be offered by the Replogle Center on Saturday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. Learn more and register at www.bit.ly/2Cdff9D

Books by Women will discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate on Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m.

A new Men’s Faith Discussion Group will meet on Friday mornings from February 15 through May 17 at 7:00 a.m. to discuss the Gospel of Matthew. No knowledge of the Bible or theology is required. Registration is required; contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

An Enneagram workshop will be offered by the Replogle Center on Saturday, February 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Learn more and register at www.bit.ly/2S18OWh

“Path of Discipleship,” a six-week Lenten series hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council and including presentations by the pastors on spiritual practices, will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning Tuesday, March 12. Space is limited, so register soon at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2019

Children, Youth, and Family

Junior high youth will be going on retreat to Lake Geneva the weekend of February 22–24. Sign up online at www.bit.ly/lakegenevaretreat

Calendar for January 27–February 3, 2019

Sunday, January 27	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
Monday, January 28	9:00 a.m. Day School (also Tues.–Fri.)	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
	5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (also Tues.–Thurs.).	Gratz Fifth Floor
Tuesday, January 29	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i>).	Anderson Hall
	7:00 p.m. Meditation with the Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, January 30	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild.	Room 5B
Thursday, January 31	7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group.	Randolph Room
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m. TwentiesThirties SpeakEasy	(<i>see announcement</i>)
Friday, February 1	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Red Riding Hood Quartet.	Buchanan Chapel
	5:30 p.m. Cornerstones Dinner	Borwell Dining Room
	7:00 p.m. Father Pfleger Program.	Buchanan Chapel
Sunday, February 3.	8:00 a.m. Worship • Rocky Supinger preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Choir Loft
	9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsals	Room 4F
	9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
	9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery	Nursery / Day School
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Gratz Fourth Floor
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Youth in Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m. Parenting TED Talk.	The Loft
	10:30 a.m. Youth Fellowship.	Gratz Fifth-Floor Lounge
	10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m. “Pastors on the Intersection of Faith and Life”	Borwell Dining Room
	3:00 p.m. “Conversations with Clergy”	Bumpus Room
	4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching	Buchanan Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to visit a prayer station to offer joys and concerns by writing them on a prayer card. The cards will be collected at the end of worship, read by the pastoral staff during the week, and then displayed in an ongoing art project.

We celebrate an open table at Communion. All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion. You are invited to come forward, receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available—just ask), dip the bread into the nonalcoholic grape juice, and return to your seat by stopping at one of our prayer stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.

Worship can be heard through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Chapel.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons and by email: subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, February 10 or March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room (register online for the class at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers). We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For details or membership information, contact Joe Morrow (member@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3399) or go to www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Information about opportunities and resources available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website (www.fourthchurch.org), our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and in our weekly email newsletter (subscribe online at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc).

If you are interested in considering baptism or becoming a member of Fourth Church during the 4:00 p.m. service, please contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org) or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on February 24.

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

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